

Letters to the Lost

Letters to the Lost by Iona Grey is a very emotionally, exhausting love story and so very sad. I was immediately engaged in the lives of the main characters. The author alternates the story between the years 2011 and 1942/43, between London, England and America.

In 2011 a young woman, named Jess, is running through the streets of London on a cold winter evening to get away from an abusive boyfriend. She finds shelter in an abandoned old house. The next morning a mysterious letter is dropped off through the front door. Jess can't help but open the letter. It is a letter from somebody in America. By reading this letter she finds herself drawn into the story of two lovers from another world back in World War II.

In wartime London, England in 1942 Stella meets Dan, a US Air Pilot stationed in England. Stella is in an unhappy marriage to a vicar in a Methodist church in London. Stella and Dan fall madly in love.

Fate separates them for decades and to different continents. Then in 2011 the young woman Jess hiding in this abandoned house is curious and determined to find out what happened to the two lovers from 1942.

She starts out by writing to the person, Dan, in America. He is at an advanced age now, and very ill. He has never stopped loving his Stella and is longing to see her one more time before he dies.

Jess is curious to unravel all the secrets, mysteries and tragedies involving these two lives from so long ago. She finds all the lost love letters hidden in a secret place in the abandoned house in which she has taken refuge. She keeps writing to the old man in America, determined to unravel the past. By doing so, she also discovers her own self.

This is a very powerful story. It is beautifully written. A quote from the book: *All that matters in the end is to know that you are loved.*

Pick up this book the next time you come to the library.

Happy Reading!